

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, September 26, 2012, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Earl Bush
County Judge Executive

Present: Carl Allen, Clark Hennessey, David Kelsch, David Hughes, Scotty Lippert, John Corlis, Doug Smith, and Dennis Jefferson.

Let the Record reflect that the Court members received a copy of the vendor claims to be paid for all funds.

Upon Motion of Scotty Lippert seconded by John Corlis the minutes meeting September 12, 2012 and minutes of Special meeting on September 20, 2012 be accepted/approved.
Voting being unanimous.

Floor open to the public to discuss anything other than agenda items

Judge Bush opened the floor to public comments regarding any concerns or issues of others that are not related to any agenda item. He advised that there would be order held in the court. This time would be for public to voice concerns, but no personal attacks would be allowed.

*No public comment

Brooksville/Courthouse-retaining wall & sidewalks

Judge Bush advised that we are still waiting on the revised mortgage to finish the paperwork. Once received the construction will begin immediately. Construction may begin on Monday and is expected to take 5 weeks to finish.

Bracken County's involvement in the Civil War

Bill Baker addressed the court to speak of the upcoming 150th Commemoration of the Battle of Augusta. He spoke of signage across the county for the Civil War Sites. The signage has a code that any smart phone will recognize. Place the phone to the code on the sign and it will pull up the history on the actual site (from the website) on the persons phone. The signage project for Augusta is approximately \$3,000.00. Bill discussed areas throughout the county that have fact based involvement in the civil war/battle. He asked for funds to continue the signage project to extend out into the county. The State will not recognize the County or Augusta for Civil War sites of battle and such without proper signage and historical information.

Upon motion of Clark Hennessey, seconded by David Kelsch that the Bracken County Fiscal Court contribute \$2,000.00 towards the tourism budget for markers and signage throughout the County.

Vote being unanimous.

Mers Litigation Update

County Attorney, Mike Clark sent another email and is waiting for a reply.

Foster Bridge Removal Bids

Judge Bush advised that the bridge is down and the finishing clean up work is still in progress.

NRCS Project – section of Holts Creek

After discussion of bids submitted, the following recommendations were made.

Upon Motion of Carl Allen, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the bid award be as follows:

Section 3: JD Sheperd Contraction \$ 9,765

Section 3a: Latonia Blacktop Services \$25,328

Section 3b: JD Sheperd Contracting \$ 8,136

Vote being unanimous.

Count Tax Bills: Approval for all rates to appear on 2012 Tax Bills

Upon Motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the court approve to allow all taxing district rates to appear, along with the county tax rate on the 2012 bills to be mailed to citizens.

Vote being unanimous.

David Appelman, Bracken Co Extension Svc- CAIP/Phase Money

Mr. Appelman advised the court that these funds through this program will be available again this year. Applications for funds will be accepted now until October 10, 2012. These funds are used for 50/50 projects, such as fencing, farm equipment, hay storage, & etc. The applicant needs to have 100% of the funds available to pay for the project, after final payment, the applicant then submits proper documentation for 50% reimbursement. If an applicant didn't use funds last year their personal score for receiving funds this year will be lowered. A state score sheet is used, the state added 5 questions with the hopes of lowering the amount of "ties" between applicant scores. All projects accepted/awarded have to be complete by August 15, 2013. The money for this is funded by cigarette sales in Kentucky. There is no limit to acreage to apply. There is a herd size regarding cattle/equipment. This program started in the year 2000.

Temporary Employee to be hired for switch grass project; Cost to be reimbursed by University Of Kentucky

Tom Keene, with UK addressed the Court regarding the Bracken County Switch grass project. He advised that Switch grass provides energy. They are in the last phase of the second project. The pellets will be sent to EKP Power Plant for use. The project deadline is December 31, 2012 to be completed. Mr. Keene asked the court to hire 1-2 temporary to work over the course of 3 months. After 2-3 weeks, UK would take them as a temporary employee. While they are working for 2-3 weeks under Bracken County Fiscal Court, all expenses will be reimbursed by the University of Kentucky. There are 600 bales of switch grass that will total 250 tons. The goal is to have 150-200 tons pelletized for EKP.

Upon Motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by Doug Smith that the Court hire 1-2 temporary employees to grind/pelletize switch grass as well as deliver to EKP. All expenses are reimbursable by UK.

Vote being unanimous.

Mr. Keene advised that another 2 year project is coming up for Forage and Wildlife components of switch grass. At this time, there are 6 farmers growing switch grass in Bracken County. The seeds can be bought from 2-3 companies in the state of Kentucky. It doesn't require a high ph in soil to grow, just marginal soils.

General Fund Vendor Claims

Upon Motion of Dennis Jefferson seconded by Doug Smith that the following General Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

Road Fund Vendor Claims

Upon motion of David Kelsch seconded by David Hughes that the following Road Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

Jail Fund Vendor Claims

Upon motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by Doug Smith that the following Jail Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

Dispatch/911 Fund Vendor Claims

Upon Motion of David Kelsch, seconded by clark Hennessey that the following Dispatch/911 Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

*Magistrate David Hughes asked when the Comprehensive Plan for the County would be coming back before the Fiscal Court. He states that the court is paying legal fees for the planning commission and was curious. Judge Bush advised that he believes it will before the court in 2-3 months. The Planning Commission will have to have public hearings and meetings to approve before it gets back to the Court.

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Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by John Corlis that the September 26, 2012 meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court be adjourned.

Vote being unanimous.

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Tina K. Teegarden, Fiscal Court Clerk

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Earl Bush, County Judge